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BIRTH.
On the 11th instant, at the Peak, Hongkong, Mrs. CANTILL, of a son.

DEATHS.
At Vancouver Island, on the 9th inst., JOHN MOFFAT, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shanghai, aged 32.
At the Peak, at 8 o'clock this morning, MAOJIE LINDLEY WILSON, wife of John Mitchell, Marine Superintendent, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1892.

A MISSIONARY BUREAU AT FOCHOW.

A somewhat amusing function is reported to have taken place at the session of the Fochow Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church Mission, held at Fochow on November 12th, in which Dr. S. L. GRACEY, the United States consul at that port, was the principal victim. The worthy Doctor is, we believe, a professional "joss-man," which is rather in consequence of this, or for some other incomprehensible reason, a mob of American missionaries considered it good taste and incumbent on them as missionaries to get on their hind legs and propose the following series of extraordinary resolutions:—

"Whereas Dr. S. L. Gracey, U.S. Consul at this port, has faithfully fulfilled his duties as Consul and conserved the interests of American citizens, and
"Whereas his heart is greatly interested in the salvation of China and the education of her people, and
"Whereas his influence is always devoted to the cause of Christian Missions, therefore,
Resolved:—That we give thanks to Almighty God for his presence among us and to the present Administration for his appointment, and we earnestly request the future Administration to continue him as Consul at this port."

On the motion of the Rev. M. C. WILCOX the foregoing resolutions were adopted by what is described as "a unanimous rising vote" and the Rev. Geo. B. SMITH, President of the Anglo-Chinese College, was requested to present them in person to the newly elected President and Secretary of State when he visits the United States in a few months.

If it is to be assumed, as seems only fair and reasonable, that the Rev. Geo. B. SMITH and the other missionaries present on this occasion are men of education, intelligence and common-sense, we should be glad to see any loop-hole by which we could escape from setting them down either as helpless and hopeless innocents or howling cranks. Why will not missionaries in China—not only Americans but those of other foreign nations—try to conduct themselves in worldly matters like worldly men, instead of making themselves by their utterly purposeless and childish proceedings in and out of season, a butt for ridicule and the laughingstock of foreigners throughout the Far East? So far as we know to the contrary, Dr. GRACEY is an accomplished and most estimable gentleman and an efficient consular representative of his country's interests at Fochow; and if a resolution had been arrived at on reasonable and sensible grounds by American citizens resident there, advocating that in his particular case, as a result of the recent triumphs of the Democrats in the Presidential elections the famous dictum of "the spoils to the victors" should not be applied, there would have been no room for hostile comment or unfavourable animadversion. But the missionary method is simply unbearable and offensive beyond measure. The coupling of the ALMIGHTY and the HARMLESS Administration in the vote of thanks for the presence of Dr. GRACEY in Fochow as United States consul, is about as great a novelty as that other singular idea of a consul's duty being to always devote his influence to the cause of Christian Missions. Of course it is most gratifying to know that Consul GRACEY's "heart is greatly interested in the salvation of China and the education of her people;" but we doubt very much whether these no doubt estimable virtues will have very much effect on or influence with the hard-headed business men who are likely to be placed at the head of the State Department under President CLEVELAND. Consul GRACEY has good grounds for exclaiming: "Oh! save me from my friends."

TELEGRAMS.

THE MONETARY CONFERENCE.
LONDON, December 10th.
The International Monetary Conference is about to discuss the question of a general bimetallic scheme.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
H.M.S. Penguin arrived this morning from Chefoo.

THE Amoy Races have been fixed for the 14th, 15th, and 16th January.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Thetis left Bombay on the 9th inst., for this port.

THE sensational "Vanishing Act" which we anticipated recently appears now likely to fixle—for the present.

THE British despatch vessel Alcester, with Vice-Admiral Fremantle on board, arrived here yesterday morning from Takao, Formosa.

VESSELS which arrived at Amoy on the 6th and 7th inst. from the North, reported having encountered exceptionally rough weather in the neighbourhood of Turnabout.

THE Dunmull assault case was to have come on this afternoon before the Magistrate, but as some of the witnesses failed to appear, the further hearing was adjourned.

A NOTIFICATION in Saturday's Gazette informs all whom it may concern that St. Joseph's Catholic Chapel, Garden Road, has been licensed for the celebration of marriages.

MURRAY Battery is being fitted with the electric light so that the Volunteers may drill every evening, beginning next Saturday, ending with a big competition and inspection on Chinese New Year Day.

THE Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, through their Hongkong agents, Messrs Douglas, LaPrak & Co., have issued a neat and elegant wall calendar for 1893, which would be an ornament to any office.

JUST as the Glenfalloch got under way, bound South, on Saturday afternoon, a Chinaman jumped overboard and being unable to swim was almost drowned before the Captain of the Kowloon ferry launch Evening Star rescued him. He is all right to-day and denies having attempted to commit suicide.

THE public meeting in connection with the Volunteer movement announced to take place on Thursday next at the Council Chamber will be held in St. Andrews Hall on Monday 19th inst., at 5.30 p.m. His Excellency the Governor will preside, and all who take an interest in the movement are cordially invited to attend.

AN entire change of programme is announced for Hartman's Circus this evening and to judge by the bill of fare published in our advertising columns the management, now that everything is in working order, are going to collapse everything of the kind ever seen east of the Suez Canal. "Mexican Bill" is going to be present tonight to relate his experiences in Ciudad.

THE Fochow Echo of the 3rd inst. says that the great increase of gangs of bad characters arriving from the country at this time of the year has led to the streets in the city and rural being patrolled at night by soldiers in command of a captain. The orders of the Victory are so stringent in this matter, our contemporary hears, that the pickets are not likely to be bought over. We have later advice from Fochow regarding this dangerous nuisance, which show that the Fochow Victory is quite up to the situation. On the morning of Tuesday the 5th inst. the Victory's gunboat Fapalet Fochow for Hankow with 500 disbanded Hunan soldiers on board. These were the gangs of bad characters referred to by the Echo, and his Excellency adopted prompt and summary measures to get rid of them.

Rev. Doolittle Dubbs.—In the dark hours of night do you never realize your condition? Old Sank.—Never. It's always in the morning.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended Dec. 10th, are:—Europeans, 117; Chinese, 1,731; total, 1,848.

THE Japan Mail states that the Mikado has ordered Count Inouye to discharge the duties of Minister President of State during the indisposition of Count Ito.

MAILS DUE:—
India (Wingsang) 13th instant.
Singapore (Yawa) 13th
French (Mellou) 17th

WE are informed by the Agents of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the Company's steamer Malbourne, with the next French mail, left Saigon at 6 p.m. to-day, for this port.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Spanish cruiser Reina Christina arrived here from Manila yesterday, and wasted the customary quantity of gunpowder in meaningless salutes and disturbing the peace of the Sabbath day.

MR. NAKAJIMA, Japanese Minister to Rome, arrived here yesterday from Yokohama, by the German Lloyd steamer Nurnberg, en route to Europe. His Excellency is accompanied by his family.

ANOTHER sudden rise in the price of cotton is reported to have sprung up in Fochow during last week owing to a scarcity of the article. Manufacturers who contracted orders for the new cloth are said to be losing considerably.

Father—I'd rather you would not go sailing with that young man. I'm afraid he does not know how to manage a boat.
Daughter—Dear me, why do you think so?
Father—He wears a yachting suit.

ACCORDING to the Nichi Nichi Shinbun, a marriage has been arranged between a daughter of Count Oda, ex-President of the Privy Council, and a certain influential resident of Kobu in the neighbourhood of Nikko, Yashu province.

It seems a difficult matter to arrive at the number of lives actually lost by the *Raishima*—*Chishima* Kan collision. The *Japan Mail*, the recognized organ of the Japanese Government, says that only 16 were saved out of a crew of 90, the remaining 74 being drowned. We shall probably have to wait until after the sitting of the Marine Court in Singapore for reliable details.

THE Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:—
Polka "Bric à Brac"
Quadrille "Jolly Company"
Waltz "Hillside"
Schottische "Gloria de Dijon"
Lancers "Dorothy"
Waltz "The Goodbye"
Quadrille "Home Mine"
Polka "Parade"

THE Douglas Co.'s steamship *Namoa*, which arrived from the Coast Ports yesterday morning, reports having had a rare knocking about during the passage from Fochow to Amoy. A heavy gale blew from the north-east, accompanied by a mountainous sea, which for a time so nearly broke over the vessel. The staunch old Aberdeen clipper, however, safely weathered the storm without injury, and went over to Kowloon Docks to-day to undergo certain alterations and repairs in her engine-room, etc.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Fochow that the new dock for the Arsenal at Pagoda Anchorage is finished as far as the masonry is concerned, and even to laying the blocks up to within thirty feet of the gate; but it is just there that the trouble begins. It seems to give the Chinese workmen full employment for all their pumping power to keep the coffer-dam clear of the immense leakage which is troubling them. The new dock is a fine professional point of view, the coffer-dam hardly seems strong enough, especially when they begin to remove the mass of rock from which it is at present shored. And that this is the opinion of the Chinese overseers is apparent from the fact that they have built a wall of masonry to the eastern side of the coffer-dam, which is unsupported by the rock. About a hundred yards from the dock gates there is only a foot and a half of water at low tides, so that the time for opening this new dock for active service still seems a long way off.

THE Fochow Echo of the 3rd inst. says:—The proprietor of a piece-goods shop has been arrested for disobedience to the proclamation about the discontinuance of the use of kerosene oil. It appears that he had been frequently called upon by the yamen runners, who pointed out to him that he was acting against the law in still using the oil. One after another went away satisfied that they had done their duty, but we may rest assured that they did not leave with their pockets empty. On Wednesday last, however, the proprietor began to feel that he was being visited rather too often by the fraternity, and he not only refused to pay the "aqueers," but kept his lamps burning with the oil. He was at once reported to the magistrate and the next day arrested. All the shopkeepers, having become accustomed to this oil, and liking it on account of its cheapness and the good light it gives, are kicking against this new order, and grumbling that, while they are still lighted with it, the officials' yamens are still lighted with it.

"BROWNIE" in Saturday night's *China Mail*, wants to put forward Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., as successor to the Hon. C. P. Chater in the Legislative Council, but lacks the courage to speak out honestly, and as usual plays the humbug and hypocrite. It has been an open secret since the Colonial Secretary's coarse, venomous and utterly uncalled-for attack in Council on the Senior Unofficial Member, that Mr. Chater, who has devoted a vast deal of valuable time and an immensity of trouble and research in the interests of the public, intended resigning at the first favourable opportunity; and it is equally an open secret that a strong feeling exists amongst the community that Mr. Francis, under all circumstances, is the best man to fill the gap. We are quite of the opinion that the learned Q.C. is 'the man for Galway.' He is not troubled with any qualmish scruples, and if he can only manage to keep his unruly Irish temper within decent limits, both as a diplomatist and as a debater he can knock the Hon. Mick O'Brien as high as the Tower of Babel. The *Hongkong Telegraph* will support the Q.C. in the public interest. "Brownie" will probably for diplomatic reasons, advocate the imaginary claims of Mr. Chas. J. Holliday or some other equally brilliant member of the crutch-and-toothpick brigade, whose boots he has been so long accustomed to lick. We are most peacefully inclined, and hope we may be forgiven for wishing that the day is not far distant when our own countryman will be let loose in his war-paint on Messrs. O'Brien, Lockhart and Mitchell-Innes on some important question affecting Hongkong's rights, the elucidation of which requires local knowledge and experience and brains.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. E. J. Akerly, Acting Chief Justice.)
December 12th.

BRADLEY & Co. v. NG KING TAI.

This was an action to recover balance due on five dishonoured bills of exchange, with cost of negotiations to recover, and interest, totalling some \$3,000. Mr. A. J. Leach, Acting Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. H. J. Gedge (Johnson, Stokes & Master) was the plaintiff. Defendant was not present either personally or by counsel.

Mr. Leach briefly rehearsed the facts and authorities, and called evidence:—

Robert Hunter Hill stated that he was one of the partners in Bradley & Co. of Swatow, and a plaintiff in this suit. Had met defendant Ng King Tai since the transactions in respect of which this action arose. Defendant was a tobacco dealer between the Straits and Swatow. In 1891 witness had dealings with defendant, about bills of exchange. (Document produced and identified.) The bills were sent to Singapore and accepted, and in due course when they matured they were presented, but dishonoured. Witness received notice of this and told his Chinese cashier to inform defendant (the drawer) who was then resident in Swatow. Witness had two interviews with defendant, both speaking in Chinese. Defendant said he could not understand why the bills had been dishonoured, as goods had been shipped to the drawer sufficient to cover. Defendant asked witness to take steps to press the drawer for payment, without delay. Witness drew up a telegram accordingly, which defendant repeated. Witness also telegraphed to the Bank of Singapore to press drawer. The Bank replied that there would probably be considerable delay. Defendant then said he would go to Singapore and see what was the matter. Defendant never denied his liability nor attempted to evade it.

His Lordship pointed out that defendant did not in his reply seek to deny liability, but said the bills had not been properly presented, nor ever really dishonoured; and if dishonoured, no proper notice had been given to defendant.

Witness said he had received altogether \$850 and had no other transactions with defendant, so that this sum must be on account of the bills. In Swatow witness had received \$250, which defendant himself had noted on the bills as paid on acc. out. Defendant proposed to continue paying off, but left Swatow after only this one payment.

Sim Tui Tong, cashier with Bradley & Co., said he knew the defendant's firm, Ng Cheung Seng; knew the defendant himself. Identified the bills produced. Remembered the \$500 being paid by defendant, who said that the drawer in Singapore ought certainly to pay the bills. Defendant promised to pay the whole amount.

Mr. Leach next produced the evidence taken on commission.

The depositions of the H. & S. Bank bill collector in Singapore, stated that he was given the bills in question for collection. He presented the bills to the drawer, but was told there was no money to pay them. All the bills were duly accepted but dishonoured.

Mr. Dow's depositions were of similar purport. Some discussion ensued between His Lordship and Mr. Leach as to the date on which the dishonoured bills were protested.

Wong Tui proved service of notice of suit on Mr. Wilkinson personally, he having acted in former cases for defendant, who had now gone away and could not be found.

The case was adjourned until Thursday next, at 10 a.m., in order to consider the question of costs.

THE RECENT FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

MAGISTRATE'S INQUIRY.

At the Magistrate's this afternoon Mr. H. E. Woodhouse held an inquiry into the fire at 331 and 333 Queen's Road Central on Thursday night last. Inspector Hennessy represented the police and Mr. H. J. Gedge (Johnson, Stokes & Master) watched the proceedings on behalf of the Balfois Fire Insurance Co. (Krusse & Co. agents).

Woo Sam Yee, owner of the two houses, said he was away in Canton from Nov. 25 until two days ago. Witness was well acquainted with the premises burnt, 333 Queen's Road. There was a cellar, occupying the same space as the ground floor. The cellar stairs were near the wall at the west side. Witness also had a cellar under house no. 331, approached not by a door from the cellar already mentioned but by a separate stair.

Inspector Hennessy said he understood there was through communication below, but was not sure. Witness explained that there was a door from the ground floor of 331 into 333, but it was built up. The cellar was used for cooking, and the fire house above was a restaurant. The door (produced) was kept on the ground floor. Witness left it locked and took away the keys when he went to Canton. It contained about \$100, the insurance policy, and a few unimportant articles. The safe had been broken open. Witness became master of the shop in the first moon this year. Before that he had nothing to do with it. It was previously a tea and cake shop, as now, but witness did not know the people in it.

John Warden Kinghorn, engineer in the fire brigade, said he had examined the iron box, and in appearance of the inner edge of the door and casing he thought the box had been opened before the fire. If not, the edge would have been quite clean, but it was now dirty and charred as with the flames. There were no marks of the instrument which must have been used in opening it; the safe appeared to have been forced open with some sharp instrument, which would have left a distinct mark; the inner rim of the door was forced up, which could not have been done in any other way. Thus there must have been some marks, which he evidently had been obliterated by the action of the flames. If the safe had been closed during the fire, the inner casing might still have been charred, but the tool which forced the door open would have left marks. The safe was of iron, small, very inferior make; had not examined the lock.

Mr. Gedge called attention to a tile stuck in the opening.

open, and the edge of the tile inserted to keep it level; this being not a satisfactory opening, an entirely fresh course was taken; a sharp chisel was used to cut a large hole through the side quite big enough to insert a hand. He certainly thought it quite impossible that the mere fall from the ground floor to the cellar, or of a mass of debris on top, could have caused the damage. Inspector Hennessy said that the safe was found among a heap of debris in the cellar, protected from heavy weights by the position in which the beams had fallen over it.

At the request of Mr. Gedge, the master of the shop was recalled, and said the insurance policy was in a drawer in the safe; the money was below, in a small basket. Nobody but witness had a key. The key would not open the safe now. The policy and money ought to be still inside.

At this stage his Worship said he would adjourn in order to further examine the spot where the safe was found.

Inquiry adjourned until Monday next at 2.30.

"BROWNIE" ON FLOGGING.

For some considerable time past we have studiously ignored the vapourings of the idiot (or idiots) who, under the nom de plume "Brownie," regale the 'one reader' of the *China Mail* every Saturday night with from one to two columns of imbecile twaddle. To be sure, the commencement of the weekly "Murmurs" of these nondescripts—for "Brownie" is one of the Mr. Hyde and Dr. Jekyll sort—have of late become so utterly childish that the *Telegraph* decided to ignore them altogether and allow our contemporary to return to that obscurity from which it would never have emerged but for this journal's free advertisements. And with the ignominious Vanishing Act performed by the inflated jackass who, with characteristic modesty assumed the lowly title of "Silver King," and when his absurd prophecies that either we should be taken down or, worse, that we should be taken down, came to a hopeless grief, suddenly disappeared, it was fitting time and opportunity for "Brownie" to get 'also.' We would not think it worth our while now to condescend to notice anything the *China Mail* thought fit to publish, especially knowing that the circulation of the rag is absolutely contemptible; were it not for the possibility that an erroneous impression might get abroad as to a certain question which is of paramount interest to China in the march of human progress, the advance of civilisation. In the *China Mail* of Saturday night the person (or persons) responsible for the "Brownie" diatribes of empty nothingness, makes two definite assertions on matters which have in the past led and are certain in the future to lead to heated discussion. Here is what "Brownie" says:—

"That it goes to the credit of the Police Magistrates that of late the rattan has been most effectively used."

"That double floggings—given upon entering and retiring from Gaol—have exercised a most salutary effect upon the numbers of offences of a serious kind." (Our readers will excuse the grammatical ignorance of the *China Mail*. A silk purse from a sow's ear has not yet been attained.—Ed., *Telegraph*.)

There are three other paragraphs in Saturday's *China Mail*—the Editor and Proprietor of which newspaper poses as a holy man and is a recognised pillar of the Kirk—advocating savage brutality as a deterrent to minor criminal offences, and to other so-called offences, such as returning from deportation, which are not criminal at all; but the two above quoted are quite sufficient for our purpose. We deny the truth of both the assertions made by this canting hypocrite, who, with such Pharisee-like sanctimony, demands the least as a salary, counter-bribe for his frail brethren. We say, and that unhesitatingly, that both assertions are infamous perversions of the truth, deliberately told and either with full knowledge that they are lies or without having taken the trouble to verify their truth or otherwise. It is not to the credit of any judge or magistrate to sentence a poor wretch who has been driven to a venial crime by starvation, to be led up and flogged like a dog, and we are quite certain that neither Mr. H. E. Woodhouse nor Commander Hastings, our present Police Magistrate, would care to claim such a doubtful honour, and as to what the *China Mail* calls double floggings, that is to flog a man on entering gaol in order to lay him up in hospital for a fortnight to three weeks, and repeat the dose after the expiration of his sentence, which means sending him out into the cold world helpless, friendless and starving, unable to work and too weak and ill to prey upon his neighbours—why, the coarsest brutalities reported from the Siberian mines are not worse than the Christian remedies for reform so strongly advocated by this Hongkong religionist (a publication, which is the recognized organ of the Missionaries in South China. Flogging a man, be he Chinese or European, inevitably debases, degrades and brings him to the level of the brute; and that is not what Great Britain anticipates by punishments that are supposed to be deterrent. Our heart overflows with the milk of human kindness, but if we only had "Brownie" tied up to the tangles for two minutes, the salutary effect of the so thoroughly well deserved correction meted out to him would inculcate a lesson the value of which he would remember all his life.

CHINESE BARBARISM AT SWATOW.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SWATOW, 10th December, 1892.

That the Chinese mandarins have no intention of getting left in the march of civilisation has just been made apparent here by the grossly indecent and unbecoming conduct of the residents here, who have been officially favored. It appears that three or four men—who in Hongkong would probably have successfully figured as company promoters or Bank directors—finding that times were unusually hard, and labour unremunerative, took to robbery on the river between Swatow and Chow-chow-foo; a mild sort of piracy in which violence was strictly tabooed. The yamen runners were quickly on their trail and a few days ago their arrest was effected. Yesterday one of these men was brought before the magistrate, and under the influence of the customary Chinese persuasive methods of eliciting confessions of guilt he admitted having taken part in the robberies. The unfortunate wretch was thereupon sentenced to be exposed in a wooden frame and starved to death.

This frame is a rough erection consisting of four posts about five feet high, and a foot and a half square, bound together at both ends, with a wooden collar at the upper end to fit the neck of the condemned, when standing upright, but which is very effective in choking him when he lies on his back. On Friday afternoon the criminal was taken from the prison and fixed in the frame, and from a cursory look I had at him this forenoon, I think that strangulation will furnish him with a speedier exit to the Great Beyond than starvation. Except for a nervous twitching about the nostrils and lips, no signs of life were apparent. Alongside this horrible exhibition of Chinese civilisation another similar frame has been erected, which will be utilised for the benefit of a second offender of the same

on whom the authorities are at present using the customary aids to the confessional. This other victim is expected to be fixed up this afternoon. It is worth mentioning that this brutal torture is taking place at the corner of the London Mission compound and right in front of the Mission Hospital. It is not clearly evident that the duty of foreign Missionaries in China is to convert the Mandarins and the official element in the first place, and after succeeding there to proselytise the mass?

I have to note the arrival here of the barque *Sin Koja*, with poles from Fochow for the new godowns which are shortly to be erected by the China Merchants Company. This is the first arrival at Swatow from a Coast port of a sailing vessel for a very long time past.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were crowded out of last Saturday night's issue:—

ST. PETERSBURG, November 10th.
The harvest in Southern Bessarabia has proved a complete failure. The inhabitants are without grain and the cattle are without fodder. Much suffering is certain to result.

VIENNA, November 10th.
A mill collapsed in Oran, Moravia, yesterday, shortly before time for the hands to leave for the night. Almost 200 men were in the building at the time. About fifty persons were caught by the bricks and broken timber. Several were rescued, but it is supposed that thirty-five or forty were killed. The dead bodies of twenty were removed.

BERLIN, November 10th.
The impending political crisis of which I told you a forecast on Sunday is assuming more definite proportions. The Chancellor is becoming so doubtful about the possibility of securing a majority on the army bill in the face of the scabbling children of Prince Bismarck and of 65 members of the Reichstag, who are pledged to resist it, that this much-talked-of movement by the withdrawal at the last moment. This would make Count Caprivi's position almost untenable. The Emperor, who has been constantly consulting Count Waldersee, now thoroughly appreciates the gravity of the situation, and it is believed that at any moment the return to power of Prince Bismarck or Count Waldersee, perhaps of both is quite possible. Such a step would be hailed with enthusiasm throughout the empire.

LONDON, November 11th.
A number of Welsh tin-plate manufacturers, whose works have been closed, are giving notice of a resumption of work. The news of the Democratic victory was received, with great satisfaction in the iron and tin-plate manufacturing districts of Great Britain.

It is understood that as a result of a lengthy Cabinet Council the British Government has decided to retain possession of Uganda.

The statement that Lord Donrahan had cabled to New York that he would send another challenge this week is not true.

The coroner's inquest into the death of the Duke of Marlborough was held in Blenheim today. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

PARIS, November 11th.
The victims of the recent anarchist bomb explosion of Paris were given a state funeral to-day. The scene in the cemetery as the bodies were consigned to the graves was most distressing. The relatives of the dead would not be comforted and their cries were heartrending.

NEW YORK, November 11th.
The *Herald* correspondent at Valparaiso cables that the Ministry continues in office, despite the fact that their resignations have been accepted by the President. It is regarded as likely that they may obtain a majority in Congress shortly.

BERLIN, November 11th.
A peculiar sentence was pronounced yesterday upon the workman who murdered two children at Neu-Ruppin, province of Brandenburg, forty miles northwest from this city. It was ordered that he be confined, at hard labor for fourteen years and then executed.

The *Kruis Zeitung* confirms the report of a serious massing of Russian troops on the German frontier.

LONDON, November 11th.
Mrs. Langtry has bought Lord Ashburton's steam yacht *Lady Mabel*. She paid \$135,000 for it.

WASHINGTON, November 11th.
Captain Dismore, for many years chief of staff at the executive mansion, is dying.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 11th.
A horrible story of cannibalism comes from Bessarabia. A woman named Akkerman, a glutton in stature and strength, applied for shelter at the house of a peasant woman named Yvonnek Sarter. They became friendly and the peasant woman went out to get a fresh supply of wood when one day she returned to find the peasant woman killed the peasant's baby, sucked its blood and devoured part of its body. As the peasant re-entered her hut she saw the woman trying to kill a three-year-old girl. The mother tried to defend her offspring, but the glutton thrust her aside and killed the little girl with a knife. The peasant woman, after a desperate struggle in which several were severely hurt, managed to overcome the glutton and lie her with ropes. On the way to jail, the populace tried to lynch her, but she was finally landed in the lockup.

DUBLIN, November 11th.
The *Evening Telegraph* publishes an account of an apparent attempt at assassination on Wednesday last. It appears that while W. J. Dick, the chief of the university printing house was seated in his office at Trinity College on Wednesday evening a gun was fired through the window. W. J. Dick was badly cut by fragments of broken glass.

The executive committee of the Irish Landowners' convention resolved to advise the landlords to withdraw entirely from the proceedings of the Evicted Tenants Commission.

GLASGOW, November 11th.
The British steamer *Canadian* from Baltimore, reports most fearful weather during the passage. Tremendous seas broke over her and Captain Goodwin was compelled to leave the vessel to be rescued. She remained in this position eighty hours. Of the cattle she had on board fifty heads were lost.

LONDON, November 12th.
It is rumored that Viscount Sudley, eldest son and heir of the Earl of Devon, who on Tuesday married the widow of Robert Sherwin of New York. The Earl is said to be opposed to the match. The Viscount is 24 years of age. The prospective bride

